

William Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

William was the son of John Smith and Mary (Eldredge) Smith and the grandson of Ralph Smith who arrived in Eastham about 1654. William was born in Eastham in 1672. He married Hepsibah about 1697 according to Eastham records. William does not appear in the Eastham death records.

1700

Granted to William Smith and his heirs about three acres at Pochet next to land of Joseph Stone and land of William Twining. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stones marked WS. PDF M238, P93, S57.

1703

Granted to William Smith, and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats or Low Meadow between Pochet Island and Hog Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about five acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A272, M151.

Granted to William Smith, John Paine and Barnabas Wixam and their heirs a parcel of land on Pochet High Meadow near the beach. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes.
PDF A276, M160, S87.

1707

William Smith exchanged land where he lived with the Town to make his land more convenient to fence. The dimensions indicate that about three and one-half acres were exchanged. The new bounds were indicated by stones marked WS.
PDF M62.

1711

Granted to William Smith and his heirs about four acres adjoining his other land and next to land of William Twining and land of Joseph Doane. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T33.

Granted to William Smith and his heirs about four acres next to land of Edmond Freeman. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T33.

Granted to William Smith and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot. The wood lot was on the easterly side of Joseph Snow's wood lot. PDF T33.

Granted to William Smith, Daniel Doane, Joseph Rogers, George Shaw, William Twining and David Young one of the twenty-four lots granted at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot dimensions were not given but probably the lot was about six or seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T89.

1715

Granted to William Smith and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was about two acres next to his other land and next to his house. The second parcel was about seven and one-half acres next to his other land and next to land of William Twining. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T204.

Granted to William Smith and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was for his wood lot at Logy Bay Neck. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about eight and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. The other parcel was at Pochet next to land of Joseph Cole. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about one acre. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T280.

The Eastham land owned by William Smith or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about forty-five acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths received Eastham land grants.